

House District 13

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OTHER:

Hello, my name is ROBERT SHUMAKER. I am running for house seat 13 which is considered to be the greater Palmer area. I am 40 this year and sometimes feel like it. There are five children that partly belong to me, ages 21, 20, 11, 10, and 8. I have two grand children 3 & 1. Alaska has been home since 1989. Earning nick names such as bus driver bob, farmer bob, and purchasing bob. I'd settle for Shoe. Most people know me from my bus driving years. Helping shuttle kids to and from school was a rewarding and informative job. One of my older daughters is in college at Fairbanks, the other a mother and part time student. The younger set goes to school in Anchorage. During their time in the valley they are farm labor, 4h'rs, and two are in boy scouts and all are avid shooters.

STATEMENT:

Here are a few things that come to mind when talking about life and how we can better it. As an individual, I don't support the zoning or conditional use permits. I'm not in favor of expanding city limits until the city can afford to expand. I am a strong supporter of individual rights. I would like to see road development (including paths) to be a high priority. At the same time add more pullouts for viewing. I support the development of the port. It has cost money and I believe it will pay back. If there are places to cut, parks are not it. Our parks should be open and accessible. I'd like to see the development of a high power rifle range somewhere in our area. A big issue is the education and development of our children. I support funding in education. Our land grant colleges have been taking it in the back pocket and are running. I will look for ways to help revitalize our natural resource infrastructure as well as move for greater land disposal. I'm running because it seems to be the best way for me to help others. How can I help you? There are many issues and space allows only a few. I strongly support moving the legislature out of Juneau and into the people. If you don't vote for me at least vote for the move. I promise I'll do my best for you with you. Thank you for voting.

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